

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-07-09
June 7, 2007

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 et seq., Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); ARM 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: City of Harlem
P.O. Box 579
Harlem, MT 59526

FACILITY NAME: City of Harlem Water Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Township 32N, Range 23E, Section 30, Blaine County

RECEIVING WATER: Milk River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0000931

This is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for a municipal surface water conventional treatment facility. The permittee backwashes filters used in its treatment of Milk River water for domestic consumption. The backwash wastewater could be discharged directly to the Milk River. At present, the facility is not designed to offer primary settling. On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued

in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because this is not a new or increased source.

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APPLICANT NAME: Town of Joliet
P.O. Box 210
Joliet, MT 59041

FACILITY NAME: Town of Joliet Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Township 4 South, Range 22 East, Carbon County

RECEIVING WATER: Rock Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020249

This is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for a domestic sewage treatment facility. The permittee uses an aerated lagoon system to treat domestic wastewater prior to discharge to Rock Creek. Treated effluent is continuously discharged to Rock Creek and is not disinfection prior to discharge.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because this is not a new or increased source.

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APPLICANT: City of Libby

FACILITY NAME: City of Libby Water Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: Section 3, Township 30 North, Range 31 West, Lincoln County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: City of Libby Stormwater System

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030341

This is a renewal of MPDES MT0030341 for the City of Libby Water Treatment Plant wastewater discharge to the City of Libby stormwater system. The WTP is a conventional potable water treatment plant utilizing settling, coagulation, flocculation, and filtration processes to treat raw surface water from the Lower Flower Creek Reservoir to finished drinking water. Filter backwash and filter-to-waste water is pumped to three settling basins to remove suspended solids prior to discharge.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because the permit does not authorize any new or increased discharge of pollutants.

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APPLICANT:	City of Whitefish
FACILITY NAME:	City of Whitefish Water Treatment Plant
FACILITY LOCATION:	Section 19, Township 31 North, Range 21 West, Flathead County
RECEIVING WATER:	Outfall 001: unnamed reservoir on an unnamed tributary to Whitefish Lake
PERMIT NUMBER:	MT0030414

This is a renewal of MPDES MT0030414 for the City of Whitefish Water Treatment Plant wastewater discharge to an unnamed reservoir in an unnamed tributary to Whitefish Lake. The WTP is a potable water treatment plant utilizing settling, coagulation, flocculation, and filtration processes to treat raw surface water from the Haskill Creek Reservoir to finished drinking water. Filter backwash and filter to waste water is dechlorinated and pumped to a settling basin to remove suspended solids prior to discharge.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because

the permit does not authorize any new or increased discharge of pollutants.

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APPLICANT: Glacier National Park
P.O. Box 128
West Glacier, Montana 59936

FACILITY NAME: St. Mary Wastewater Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: SW/4, SW/4 of Section 34, Township 35 North, Range
14 West, Glacier County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfalls 001 through 004: Class I ground water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000171

The permit authorizes the discharge of treated domestic/residential strength wastewater from the St. Mary Wastewater Facility. The permittee operates an existing mechanical wastewater treatment plant that uses an activated sludge system involving a continuous-flow, suspended growth aerobic process with extended aeration units. Discharge is continuous seasonally from early June through late September. Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection is proposed and should be operational by May 1, 2008. The permittee discharges to slow infiltration-percolation (IP) ponds (Outfalls 001 through 004), which discharge to ground water. The annual average design flow is 107,000 gallons per day (gpd).

Ground water beneath the property is listed as Class I in the Administrative Rules of Montana [ARM 17.30.1006(1)]. The permittee is required to monitor the effluent monthly to ensure the proper treatment of BOD, TSS, phosphorous, nitrogen, and E-coli bacteria. The draft discharge permit grants a standard 500-foot ground water mixing zone.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS July 9, 2007. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS July 9, 2007 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Dianne McKittrick at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373 and 17.30.1024).

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The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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